

## PATENT

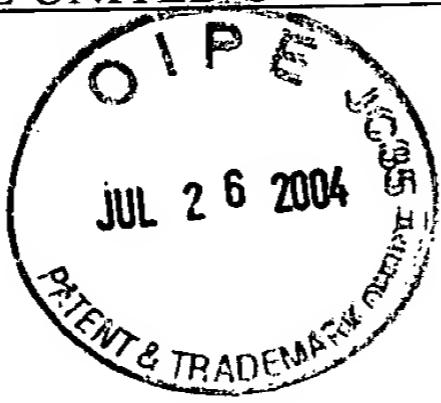
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Smith et al.

Application No: 09/747,660

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN A SPIN,  
RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS FOR  
MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No: LAM2P216

Examiner: G. Winter

Group Art Unit: 1746

Date: July 20, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims			SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	OR	LARGE ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>
	Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra			
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	-	30	.00	X09 = \$	OR X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	05	-	06	.00	X43 = \$ \$145	OR X86 = \$ \$290
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid						
			TOTAL	\$		\$0

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.

Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.